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Office Action Summary

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FENG, CHEN

Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 2/11/05.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 10/25/01.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-30 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Shiratsuki et al (6,657,185).

With regards to claims 1-12 and 25-27, Shiratsuki et al teach of a pattern detector for capturing images, irregular patterns and or finger printing (col 1; lines 7-9) in accordance with figure 12 comprising an image receiving panel (2b), a light emitting diode (1) provided perpendicular to the plane of the image captured, an anamorphic optical lens (25, 26 and 27) wherein the lens are cylindrical and having at least two magnification power (longitudinal and lateral) and a imaging sensor (3) wherein the image sensor captures a light reflection from an image deposited on the image receiving panel (2b) optically compensated by the anamorphic optical lens (25, 26 and 27).

With regards to claims 13-24 and 28-30 Shiratsuki et al teach of a pattern detector for capturing images, irregular patterns and or finger printing (col 1; lines 7-9) in accordance with figure 12 comprising an image capturing panel (2b), a light emitting diode (1) provided perpendicular to the plane of the image captured, an anamorphic optical lens (25, 26 and 27) wherein the lens are cylindrical and having at least two magnification power (longitudinal and lateral) and a imaging sensor (3) wherein the image sensor captures a light reflection from an image deposited on the image capturing panel (2b) optically compensated by the anamorphic optical lens (25, 26 and 27), a folding mirror (2c) to fold a light reflection from an image deposited on the image capturing panel (2b) to the anamorphic lens and a bending mirror (18) to bend light reflection from the anamorphic lens to the imaging sensor (3) (see figure 7).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 2/11/05 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues on page 14 of the arguments that "the illuminating path does not lie in the principal plane." Examiner respectfully disagrees. Examiner directs applicant's attention to figure 7 of the Shiratsuki et al reference. It clearly shows the folded beam reflected from the mirror (2c) and the illuminating light path does not lie in the same plane and thus the illuminating light path does not lie in a principal plane of the folded beam path.

Furthermore, applicant argues on page 15 of the arguments that Shiratsuki et al does not disclose "the illuminating path is substantially perpendicular to the principal plane and altering ray direction to be much greater than 90 degrees, closer to 180

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degrees." Examiner respectfully disagrees. Examiner once again directs applicant's attention to figure 7 of the Shiratsuki et al reference. It clearly shows that the illuminating path is substantially perpendicular to the principal plane and the folding mirror (2c) folds the folded light path by substantially 180 degrees.

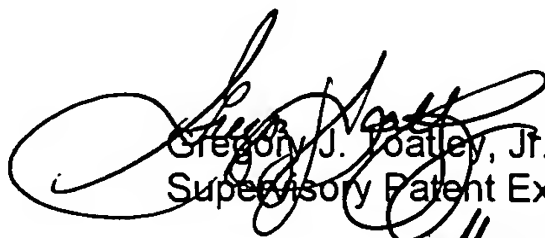
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Amanda H. Merlino whose telephone number is 571-272-2421. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday and Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gregory J. Toatley, Jr. can be reached on 571-272-2800 ext 77. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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